

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 71-21

Mr. Todd Crandell, Councilman

By the County Council, July 6, 2021

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Renewable Natural Gas Fueling Facility

FOR the purpose of defining a Renewable Natural Gas Fueling Facility; permitting a Renewable Natural Gas Fueling Facility in certain areas of the M.H. Zone subject to certain requirements; and generally relating to uses permitted in the M.H. Zone.

BY adding

Section 101.1, the definition of “Renewable Natural Gas Fueling Facility”,
listed alphabetically
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

BY adding

Sections 256.6 and 413
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

4 ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 Section 101 – Definitions

6 § 101.1. Word usage; definitions.

7 Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the singular number include
8 the plural number; the word "shall" is mandatory. For the purposes of these regulations, certain
9 terms and words are defined below.

10 Any word or term not defined in this section shall have the ordinarily accepted definition
11 as set forth in the most recent edition of Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the
12 English Language, Unabridged.

13 RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY – A FACILITY WHEREIN
14 NATURAL GAS, PROVIDED BY A STANDARD DOMESTIC SERVICE GAS UTILITY
15 PIPELINE, IS METERED TO EQUIPMENT THAT PROCESSES THE GAS INTO A
16 COMPRESSED FORM THAT IS READY FOR DISTRIBUTION INTO VEHICLES THAT
17 ARE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED TO BE FUELED BY THE RESULTING RENEWABLE
18 NATURAL GAS PRODUCT. A RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY IS
19 NOT A FUEL SERVICE STATION, A TRUCKING FACILITY, OR A TRUCK STOP.

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21 ARTICLE 2 - ELEVATOR-APARTMENT RESIDENCE ZONES,
22 RESIDENTIAL-OFFICE ZONES, OFFICE ZONES, BUSINESS ZONES,
23 MANUFACTURING ZONES AND DISTRICTS

1 Section 256 – Manufacturing, Heavy (M.H.) Zone Use Regulations

2 § 256.6. RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY.

3 A RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY IS PERMITTED, SUBJECT
4 TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 413 OF THESE REGULATIONS.

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6 ARTICLE 4 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

7 SECTION 413 – RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY.

8 § 413.1. LOCATION.

9 A. A RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN
10 SECTION 101.1 OF THESE REGULATIONS, IS PERMITTED IN THE M.H.-I.M. ZONE
11 ONLY.

12 B. A RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY SHALL NOT BE
13 LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A PROPERTY THAT, AT THE TIME USE AND
14 OCCUPANCY PERMITS ARE ISSUED, IS RESIDENTIALLY ZONED.

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16 § 413.2. FACILITY COMPONENTS.

17 A RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY MAY INCLUDE:

18 A. A SLOW-FILL COMPONENT THAT IS FULLY SECURED AND SCREENED,
19 ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY PRE-APPROVED FLEET COMPANIES, AND UTILIZED FOR
20 FILLING THE AUTHORIZED VEHICLES DURING A PROLONGED, PRE-DETERMINED,
21 AND SCHEDULED PERIOD OF TIME (TYPICALLY OVERNIGHT); AND

1 B. A FAST-FILL COMPONENT THAT IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7
2 DAYS PER WEEK, FOR USE BY PRIVATELY CONTRACTING PARTIES OR THE
3 GENERAL PUBLIC, UTILIZING FULLY AUTOMATED DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT.

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5 § 413.3. USES IN COMBINATION PROHIBITED.

6 A RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY SHALL NOT PROVIDE
7 ANY OF THE USES IN COMBINATION CONTAINED IN SECTION 405.4.E OF THESE
8 REGULATIONS.

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10 § 413.4. PARKING.

11 A. A RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS FUELING FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE TWO
12 (2) PARKING SPACES FOR EACH SLOW-FILL DISPENSER CONNECTION, WHICH
13 SHALL ACCOMMODATE ONE (1) SPACE FOR EACH VEHICLE CONNECTED TO THE
14 DISPENSER, PLUS ONE (1) ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR AN ANCILLARY VEHICLE.

15 B. THE FAST-FILL DISPENSER CONNECTION SHALL NOT REQUIRE ANY
16 SPACES.

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18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
19 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on August 16,
20 2021.